

Wanamingo Benefit

To celebrate their 5th anniversary on Main Street, Flour Child Creations gave away 500 mini cupcakes with ice cream. Free will donations benefit MMASF, the Marlene Malerich Artists Scholarship Foundation.

This competitive scholarship will be available to Midwest artists, including but not limited to painting, sculpture, culinary arts, welding and restoration.

Announcements

• Wanamingo Senior Citizens meet the first Friday of each month at 11:30 AM at the Wanamingo Community Center. There is always a speaker or some type of entertainment. All Seniors are welcome and encouraged to come. If you need to sign up or cancel, please call Virginia Sabin at 824-2603. • Wanamingo Veterans Honor Guard

• Wanamingo Veterans Honor Guard invite you to become a member. Join us and help us make the Wanamingo Veterans Honor Guard an even bigger success. WVHG meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Wanamingo Community Center. The VFW will meet from 7-7:30p.m. The Honor Guard will meet from 7:30-8:30p.m. For more information contact Paul Rugg 507-824-3306, Gary Floan at 507-732-7740, or Larry Van De Walker at 507-421-4674.

• 2021 Goodhue County Health & Human Services Immunization Schedule, located at 426 West Avenue, Red Wing, MN. January through July 1st, Tuesday 1-4pm; August through December, every Tuesday 2-4pm. Clinics are walk-in. No appointment needed. For other times, call for an appointment 651-385-3200 or 1-800-950-2142.

• Hiawathaland Transit: Service hours are 7:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday. Call dispatch at 866-623-7505 Monday through Friday 6am-9pm and Saturday 7:00am-5:00pm. Visit threeriverscap.org for more information.

K-W School Board looks at Budget

The K-W school district general fund showed a deficit of over \$352,000 at the end of school year. The board has looked at ways to improve the bottom line including changes and cuts in the transportation department. In the end \$217,000 was cut from transportation, \$82,000 cut from staffing and \$30,000 in vendor reductions was settled on for a savings of \$329,000.

The fund including the food service has a positive balance of more than \$982,000 but by state law the district cannot transfer money from one fund to the other to alleviate the shortfall.

The district underwrites school activities costs of about \$226,000 each year, yet fees



collected by the school for activities fell to \$370 for 2020-21 school year. Discussions to stem the losses include cutting activity bus usage, utilizing smaller vehicles, using K-W staff for drivers and using a different



bus service.

Plans are underway to present a levy vote this November to the district residents for an increased operating levy.

America's Favorite Old-Fashioned Big Top Circus is Coming to Dennison!

Thanks to the sponsorship of the Dennison Lions Club, Fireside Lounge & Dennison Community Church, Culpepper &



Merriweather Circus, America's Favorite Big Top Circus is coming Dennison, MN – Thursday, August 5, 2021 to the lot across from the Dennison Community Church located at 37514 3rd Ave.

Now in its 36th edition, C&M Circus has become internationally known for quality family entertainment.

This authentic One-Ring, Big Top Circus has been featured on National Geographic's Explorer TV series, Entertainment Tonight, A&E Special: Under the Big Top and most recently, On the Road with Circus Kids, a Nickelodeon special featured on the Nick News Program. *(continued on page 7)*

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Wanamingo Farmers and Vendors Market



Farmers and vendors Market held every Saturday morning in Wanamingo at the north end of Main Street





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Religion

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Dinner with Jesus: Matthew & Friends

This weekend is our nations birthday, Independence Day. Often, we celebrate with family and friend get togethers- cookouts or picnics. It's a time to remember our history and the sacrifices of those men and women in the early days of our country that believed in an independent nation apart of King George's rule. How will you be celebrating? However, you celebrate no doubt there will be food! Some of my favorite memories as a kid and as a young adult were picnics with family- when I was a kid and with my church family as an adult. Here at South Troy we always had a huge picnic gathering near the Zumbro River. We played softball, great food and they served pop and ice cream. Great memories and lots of fun!

What is your favorite kind of dinner? casual? formal? Picnic or potluck, sit down or buffet? People have family dinners, fancy dinner parties, or lunches. Meet Matthew; he was a Jew, he was a tax collector, he was wealthy, he had probably cheated many in his community and was despised by the "religious" leaders of his society. His friends were other "sinners" that were despised as well. Then one day Jesus walks by; Matthew recognized him. He had heard him speak, had heard about the miracles and he wanted to know Him better. As Jesus passes by- He stops- He turns and looks Matthew in the eye-He smiles because Jesus sees Mathew's hearta heart open and ready to receive Him and

says, Matthew, come and follow me! Matthew is so excited- he leaves it all behind. He leaves the money on the table; he leaves the paperwork and the position forever to follow Jesus. His entire life changed with those 2 words, "follow me." and now- a few days later, Matthew had a party and he assembled all his friends to meet Jesus. Jesus accepted the invite. Jesus sat at the table with Matthew and his friends. That's huge!!! When you share a meal with someone you are saying- I accept you, I want to get to know you... I am willing to learn about you. Jesus didn't see this as a way to make points-he was accepting an invite from Matthew and an opportunity to share with Matthew's friends about the good news. That would certainly make evangelism easier wouldn't it? Having Jesus come in person to our dinner or event and having Him share about himself. That's what Matthew did-he hadn't been following Jesus very long- but he knew that Jesus testimony of himself would be a powerful tool to reach his friends and family with the gospel. Matthew cared enough about those in his circle of friends that he wanted them to know Jesus.

Matthew wanted them to receive Jesus as their Savior. to follow Jesus as he has done. Matthew had been freed from his sin and guilt and wanted the same for his friends and family. Are we like Matthew? Have we invited our friends or family to meet Jesus? It begins with a relationship with Jesus and with those we want to introduce. Matthew didn't go and find strangers- he invited his friends and associates. We can do that too.

Matthew's friends felt they belongedeven though Matthew had changed, and they were willing to listen and meet this person that meant so much to Matthew.

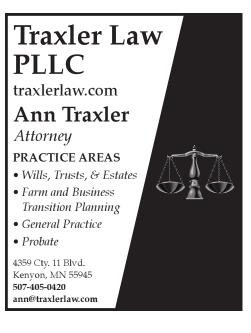
When we help people to feel like they belong, that they are accepted -right where they are at- they will be much more receptive of what we want to share with them.

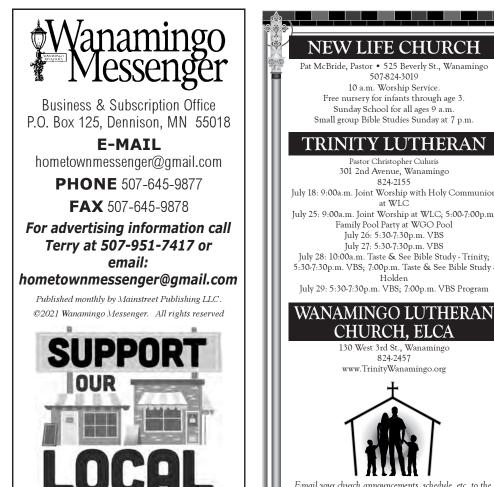
When Matthew turned to follow Jesusone of the first things he did was to desire to share his new friend with all his old friends. That's the call to every Christian. We are to go into all the word and be His witnesses. First to our close family and friends. Remember Cornelius- his entire household was present when Peter came to share about the good news and the entire household believed that day and was baptized! Were they perfect and shiny Christians-no- they were still the same people they were 10 minutes before on the outside- but they were definitely changed on the inside! How about the jailer in Philippi, he was about to kill himself and Paul intervenes and he brought Paul into his home and over a meal. Paul shared the truth of the gospel and the jailer and his entire family was saved and baptized! Then there was the Ethiopian eunuch, and many others... as they were introduced to faith in Jesus Christ- they believed. On the outside they were still gentiles, tax collectors, jailers, Romans, etc. but on the inside, they were new creations and followers of Jesus!

Peter wrote, "you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. 16 But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ." 1 Peter 3:15-16.

We are to be ready to give an answer for our hope as believers We are to share the hope of Jesus Christ with those around us.

That's one thing our world needs desperately: hope. Hope that life isn't a waste, hope that there is a future, that there is a heaven, that we can change, hope for a better life in this world and the next. We, as believers have the answer. We have that hope! We are called to share that hope, to be light, to a dark world. Jesus left us here to be his light to the world. It's time to invite your friends, your family to dinner with Jesus. Introduce them to the love of your life, the one and only one that can profoundly change our dark hearts and hopeless worlds to light, love and joy! John wrote, "This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all." We have the answer, we have the hope, and we have the ability to invite people to come to the table and meet Jesus!





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Protect us, Lord, from grieving and quenching your Spirit. Fill us and direct us to follow your will, not our own. Amen. NOTICE: Due to COVID-19 check your church website or Facebook page for updates

Obituaries

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July, 2021

Gary Alan Berg

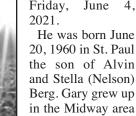
Gary Alan Berg, 60, of rural Kenyon, died unexpectedly Friday, June 4,

> 20, 1960 in St. Paul the son of Alvin and Stella (Nelson) Berg. Gary grew up in the Midway area of St. Paul but spent much of his

childhood at the Berg family farm in rural Kenyon. He loved working alongside his dad and uncle, Hilman. Gary graduated from St. Paul Central High School in 1978. He attended the U of M Ag School in Waseca before leaving to farm full time.

Gary married Tamra Ruedy on May 20, 1988. They divorced in 2019, the same year that Gary passed his farm operation on to his two sons. Gary was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed annual trips to South Dakota and Lake of the Woods. He loved farming, his Angus cattle, his dog "Ally" and most of all, watching his sons continue the farming legacy. He was very proud of his sons.

He is survived by his sons, Dan Berg of Wanamingo, Greg (and Kelsey) Berg of Wanamingo; granddaughter, Stella Berg; former wife, Tamra Berg of Kenyon; sister, Cheryl Berg of Shoreview, Susan Berg of Roseville; nephews, Adam Runkel of



Blaine, Brett Runkel of Shoreview: special aunt, Agnes Aase of Kenyon and other family and friends

He was preceded in death by his parents; special uncle, Hilman Berg; brother in law, Stephen Runkel.

Visitation was at Michaelson Funeral Home, Kenyon on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 from 4pm to 7pm followed by a reception at the Kenyon VFW. A private family graveside service was held with interment in the Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Aspelund.

Glen Ronald Rechtzigel



Ronald Rechtzigel, 82, of Wanamingo, died on Monday, June 14, 2021, at the Zumbrota Care Center. He was born in St. Paul on March 9, 1939, to Leonard and Ella (Kirchner) Rechtzigel. He grew up on the familv farm near

Rosemount and graduated from Rosemount High School in 1957. After high school, he attended Mechanic Arts School. He returned to the family farm in 1959. On November 16, 1963, he was united in marriage to Jean Schwanz at Concordia Lutheran Church in St. Paul. In April of 1974, they moved to Wanamingo where



they began their dairy farm and raised their four children. Glen had an unparalleled work ethic and loved farming. He enjoyed dancing, fishing, traveling, playing cards with his lifelong friends, old cars, and Gopher football. He was a family man and enjoyed time spent with his family and

friends. In 2013, Glen was able to take a trip of a lifetime to Alaska where he caught a giant salmon and created many wonderful memories. Glen was known by everyone for his sense of humor and he enjoyed a good, hearty laugh. He was a member of Dale Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; four children, Dana (Stefan), Tony (Barb), Troy, and Dan; eight grandchildren, Aria, Lucas, Angela (Christopher), Sean (Ashley), Phylicia (Micah), Noah, Kate, and Markus; four great-grandchildren, Luna, Gus, Jack, and Maisie; brothers, Paul (Sharon), Jerome (Karen), sisters-in-law, Donna, Delores, Lois, and Judy (Adam); and special relatives and friends, Tom and Donna McCloud.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Leonard Jr., Marvin, Arthur, Robert, and James; and sisters, Shirley (Kermit) and Doris (Arnold).

The family would like to thank the staff at the Zumbrota Care Center for the kind and compassionate care that was given to Glen during his time there. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to an organization of the donor's choice.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at Dale Lutheran Church with Reverend Heather Culuris officiating. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. Burial will be at the Dale Lutheran Church Cemetery. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Melvin B. "Mel" Charlton Melvin B. "Mel" Charlton, age 76 of



Faribault, MN passed away on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at his home following an extended illness surrounded by his family.

Melvin Blaine, the son of

Frank and Joyce (Cornwell) Charlton was born on August 31, 1944 at the family farm in Cherry Grove Township, Goodhue County, MN. He attended West Concord High School and graduated with the class of 1962. Following high school Mel served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in 1969. On December 27, 1969 he was united in marriage to Mary Ann Huber at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Faribault. Mel worked for over 39 years at Crown Cork & Seal in Faribault. In his free time he enjoyed spending time with his family, playing horseshoes, bowling, snowmobiling, fishing, family road trips and feeding the birds and other animals at their home. He also volunteered his time with many charities and most recently the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Faribault. He was a member of the VFW Post 1562, American Legion Post 43 and the Moose Lodge 2098

all of Faribault.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Mary Ann Charlton of Faribault; by his children, Chris (Ron) Hullett of Faribault and their children, Nadia and Gigi, Charlie (Karen) Charlton of Burnsville, MN and their children, Dane and Dylan and Matt Charlton of Las Vegas, NV; by his brothers, Ralph (Beverly) Charlton of Kenyon, MN, Blaine (Vicki) Charlton of Wilton, IA and Leon (Joanne) Charlton of Rochester, MN; by his sister-in-law, Marjorie (Marge) Charlton of Medford, MN and by nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

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He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Joyce Charlton and his brother Richard Charlton

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 12:00 noon at the Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Faribault. Fr. Cory Rohlfing officiated. Luncheon followed at the Moose Lodge in Faribault. Interment will be held at a later date at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN.

Memorial visitation was held at the church on Monday from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Hazel Solberg

Hazel Solberg, 99, of Kenyon, died



Thursday, June 17, 2021 at North Ridge View Assisted Living in Kenvon.

She was born August 2, 1921 in Wanamingo Township in County Goodhue the daughter of

Henry and Ella (Ottun) Monson. She attended school thru the seventh grade. She then began working at the Bluebird Café in Kenyon and then JC Penney in Kenyon.

She married Joseph Solberg on February 26, 1947 at First Lutheran Church in Kenyon. The couple farmed near Moland until retirement. Hazel also worked outside the home at District 1 Hospital in Faribault and then for Saga Foods, the food service provider at Carleton College in Northfield. She was a member of Gol Lutheran Church where she faithfully served, the VFW Auxiliary where she was a past president and the Sons of Norway. She enjoyed quilting and made many quilts for third world countries, as well as supplying baby quilts for Olmsted County. She also enjoyed a good game of Bridge and had an antique doll collection.

She is survived by her son, Jeff Solberg of Kenyon; sister, Cecilia Foss of Kenyon; grandson, Todd (and Amanda) Solberg of Byron and their children, Zachary, Ashton, Samantha, and Morgan; grandson, Jonathan (and Courtney) Solberg of Rochester and their son. Owen.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Ella Solberg; husband, Joseph Solberg (2005) and brother, Lester Monson. A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM Monday, June 21, 2021, at Gol Lutheran Church in Kenvon on with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Marvin Kormann officiated. Interment was in Gol Lutheran Cemetery.



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Dean Arnold Massett

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Dean Arnold Massett, 88, of Red Wing, died Sunday, July 4, 2021 at his home at Deer Crest. He was born, along with his twin broth-Gene. on November 24, 1932 in Charles City, Iowa to Ernest and

Kathrvn

(Smith) Massett. The family moved to Red Wing in 1935 and Dean attended school in Red Wing, graduating from Red Wing Central High School in 1951. He served two years of active duty during the Korean War in the U.S. Army. He also served in the Minnesota National Guard for 13 years. Following his honorable discharge, Dean attended the University of Minnesota and the Dunwoody Institute. On March 18, 1955 he married Beverley Hanson. He then began his long career with the City of Red Wing and Goodhue County. He began working for the County Highway Department and following that he worked for the City of Red Wing as the Director of Public Works, A City Administrator where he served as the Executive Secretary of the Port Authority, and as the City Civil Defense Director, developing the city's first nuclear power plant response plan. He was also the Community Investment Director for Goodhue County National Bank.

He was dedicated to his community and over his lifetime he served on many advisory boards and citizens committees. He also served as the Goodhue County Commissioner for two terms where he worked on multiple task forces overseeing tax reform, economic development, school finance, waste management and public health. In addition to performing his job requirements with the City of Red Wing, he was very active with the League of Minnesota Cities. For a time, he was the president and secretary for the Issac Walton. He was a committee co-chair for the successful school referendum to build the new high school. He was proudly inducted onto the Red Wing High School Wall of Honor. He also served as a member of the S.E. Technical College President's Advisory Committee.

He was also an active club member and volunteer. He worked with Youth Outreach, Young Adult Association, Habitat for Humanity, the Goodhue County Historical Society and he even volunteered with courtesy parking at the hospital. He was a member of Kiwanis and the Red Wing Elks Lodge PBOE #845 and was elected the Exalted Leader in 1968. His faith was a constant companion and he was a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church where he served as a Ruling Elder, Deacon and Sunday school teacher.

Dean was as devoted to his family as he was the community and he was very proud of his children and grandchildren. In his younger years he enjoyed spending week-

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ends up north and boating on the river with his children. He and Beverly shared nearly 65 happy years together before her death in June of 2020.

He is survived by his daughter; Terri (Brad) Swanson; son, Dan Massett, both of Red Wing; four grandchildren; Ryan (Shayna) Swanson of Prescott, Wisconsin, Megan (Kevin) Letnes of Minnetonka; Christian Massett and Adrian Massett, both of Red Wing; five great-grandchildren; Elin, Riley and Jensen Letnes and Briah and Domenic Swanson; many nieces and nephews, other family and many friends and colleagues.

He is preceded in death by his wife,

Beverly; brothers Gene and Gerry; and his parents.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m., Friday, July 9, 2021 at First Presbyterian Church. A visitation was from 4-7p.m., Thursday, July 8, 2021 at the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Bodleson-Mahn Chapel. Burial followed the service at Oakwood Cemetery. The family would like to thank the staff at Deer Crest and the nurses at Brighton Hospice for the wonderful care Dean received. Memorials are preferred to the church. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com



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Rose Fest Around the Corner

Kenyon will celebrate Rose Fest August 19th through 22nd. On Thursday, August 19th there will be Live Pro Wrestling at the Kenyon Fire Department Hall. Doors open at 6pm and the bell rings at 7pm.

Friday, August 20th there will be a hog roast at the Kenyon VFW from 5 to 7pm

with live music following from Mitchell Hall and the Tennessee Trio from 7:30 to 10:30pm. A Rose Fest Regatta Challenge is being held at the Kenyon Swimming Pool Friday at 7pm. Build a boat out of cardboard and duct tape and come compete. A wine and beer tasting will be held at the Fire Hall on Friday from 5 to 8pm.

Saturday starts off with a 5K run/walk at 8am. A vendor and craft fair will take place at Held Bus Company on Saturday and the VFW will host a lunch from 10am to 2pm and Bingo will be from 6 to 8pm. A street dance will be held by the muni Saturday evening from 8pm to 12:30am.

Sunday the Field of Flags will have a closing ceremony at 2pm at Veteran's Park.





Just \$ 200,000 Rain or Shine Under the Big Top Come for Dinner, Stay for the Show! Over 2 Hours of Great Entertainment! Page 5



For updated info. go to www.dennisondays.org



Advance tickets are available prior to show day. Tent Raising 9:30 am

America's Favorite Old-Fashioned Big Top Circus is Coming to Dennison!

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Tent Raising & Tour:

On circus day between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. come watch the raising of the Big Top, then stay for the FREE Tour. This presentation offers a unique face-to-face opportunity for families, schools, daycare centers and community members to meet and learn all about the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus. Learn facts about our performers, the history of our show and the different species of animals in our Circus Family. In this presentation we will also address topics such as hygiene, grooming and the veterinary care all of our animals receive. This is a special part of Circus Day that should not be missed!

Circus Performances:

Our circus performances will be 5:00 & 7:30 p.m. bringing the magic of the circus to life in each 90-minute show.

This year's lineup includes an All-Star group of performers and entertainers. See Miss Simone and her breath taking single trapeze, Miss Paulina's proud "Big & Little" prancing ponies, The Arlise Troupe on their wild and crazy unicycles, Logan Jimenez with his Cockatoo Review, Emilie Dean with her amazing feats of aerial strength, the Wheel of Destiny, and back by popular demand, the Russian Swing by The Perez Family. But, lets not forget our favorite performing Jungle Cats, Soloman & Delilah, presented by Mr. Trey Key, that will certainly have you on the edge of your seats! All accompanied by original

music composed by the talented, Matt Margucci from Los Angeles, California.

Our performers are sure to amaze, delight and entertain the audience members of all ages beyond your wildest imagination.

For more information visit our FaceBook page with videos, photos and comments from past sponsors and patrons. For a direct link you can go to www.cmcircus.com and click on the FaceBook link.

SAVE MONEY by purchasing your tickets in advance at the following location:

- Dennison Depot
- Heritage Bank
- Fireside LoungeParkside Gas & Groceries

Prices for advance tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$7.00 for seniors (65 and over) and children (2 to 12), children under 2 are always free. Advanced tickets can also be purchased online 10 days before the show at cmcircus.com until 10:00 pm the day before the show. On show day tickets will be \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for seniors/children. Support your community and save money by purchasing your tickets early. For more information, call 866 BIG TOP 6, 8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m., Central Time everyday or email at cmcircus@gmail.com.

Circus Day Schedule (times may vary) Between 9:30 & 10:00 a.m.– Tent Raising & FREE Tour 4:00 pm Midway Box Office Opens (pony rides, moonbounce, concessions and more) First Show 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Second Show 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.



3020 457th Street Way, Kenyon • 507-789-6113 • SALES HOURS: M-T-Th 7:30a.m.-8p.m.; W-F 7:30a.m.-6p.m.; Sat. 8a.m.-4p.m.

CITY OF WANAMINGO City Council Regular Meeting Monday, June 14, 2021 7:00 P.M. Wanamingo City Council Chambers – 401 Main Street Wanamingo, MN

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Holmes. PRESENT: Council: Ryan Holmes, Larry VanDeWalker, Eric Dierks, Stuart Ohr, Jeremiah Flotterud, and Eric Dierks

City Administrator: Michael Boulton

ABSENT: Deputy Clerk: Karen Masters ALSO PRESENT: Brad Kennedy, Todd Greseth – Goodhue County Commissioner, Carolyn Eckloff, Scott Pabst, Rex Welch, Alicia Hunt-Welch, Ron Quamme, Nancy Quamme, Richard Turri, Mark Revland, Ruth Revland, Josh Revland, Steve Kruser, Goodhue County Deputy Jennifer Hofschulte, and David Friese – Zumbrota News-Record.

ADOPT AGENDA: Dierks motioned to adopt the amended agenda which adds Todd Greseth – Goodhue County Commissioner to Presenters, seconded by Ohr. Passed 5-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: Dierks motioned, seconded by VanDeWalker. Passed 5-0-0.

PRESENTERS:

Todd Greseth – Goodhue County Commissioner reported on:

Making himself available on County concerns to all residents, including the City of Wanamingo. Wants to bring back local thoughts and any concerns to the County Board Meetings

Holmes asked how the operations of the County and the County Board meetings were going. Greseth stated that the board was working on a replacement of a culvert in his commissioner district, high jail staff turnover, and had recently hired Josh Hanson to take over for Diane Ritcher-Biwer as Emergency Management Director. The County Patrol Captain position will need to be filled once Josh Hanson takes over the Emergency Management Director position. Greseth stated that the County Health Department has done a great job with COVID. County participation with COVID vaccinations was high with infection testing rate and number those currently with COVID are extremely low in the County.

Brad Kennedy reported on:

Swimming pool up and running early this year because of early spring and dryer than usual weather. One of the swimming pool heaters is still in need of repairs.

Drained and cleaned out Mingo View water tower

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency once of three years visit completed – passed inspection with letter of warning and request for information

Cleared dirt and reseeded around new power poles. Working with Xcel Energy and contractor, Michels, to schedule further site repairs from winter work

Painted yellow around curbs and parking lot entrances for no parking and white Main Street parking stalls before running out of paint. Have paint orders in at two SherwinWilliams stores and Diamond Vogel for two months. There is no yellow striping paint available for purchase in the area.

Local Government

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Sprayed weeds along curb/gutters of streets, downtown sidewalks, and parks.

Mowed at the WWTP, community garden, undeveloped lot boulevards, and other various areas around town.

Will be patching additional potholes with cold mix around the community before the 4th of July Celebration

Repaired ten water shut-off valves (curb stops) by hand and with curf cutter. The water shut-off valves were damaged by snow plows over the winter

Richard Turri reported on:

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency inspects the Wanamingo Waste Water Treatment Plant once every three years

The plant passed the recent inspection on May 20, 2021

During the visit the inspector witnessed red coloration from locker blood coming in through the influent pipe. Inspector was concerned with what actions the City was going to take to stop this practice.

Letter was sent from MPCA Inspector to the Wanamingo City Council showing results from compliance evaluation inspection along with a letter of warning and request for information.

The warning is in referce to the City not enforcing ordinances and the permit rules for large waste water users to not interfere with the plant operations. The large users are considered the locker, the creamery, and sludge hauler.

If the City ends up being a part of a sanitary sewer district the district will also require the City to regulate large users

MPCA will need to see the that the City has agreements in place, testing of large users in place, and fines if users go over allowed limits.

The City will need to treat sludge haulers the same (charging and testing) in charges and random sampling. The locker will only be able to send equivalent of domestic waste (no blood). The blood (phosphorus) throws off the active bugs in the plant, which throws off the waste treatment process. The creamery will need to monitor their PH levels to ensure that that waste does not throw off plant.

The Council will need to respond to the MPCA letter of warning and request for information. The City will need to show a timeline for any necessary ordinance changes for fine schedule, putting together agreements with large users for load limits, pricing and purchasing testing equipment (portable sampler, manhole mount, refrigerator, sampler - \$7,000-\$8,000), schedule of sampling/testing, and enforcement of City ordinances and permit rules for large users including fines for overages. The users (locker, creamery, and sludge haulers) will be required to pay for the sampling as part of the agreement.

VanDeWalker moved to approve Rick Turri's content recommendations for response letter to be drafted by Administrator Boulton and Rick Turri and signed by Mayor Holmes on behalf of the City Council, Seconded by Ohr.

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Mayor Holmes stated that the City will need to start enforcement due to the State warning and possible fines to the City for non-compliance. Ohr stated that enforcement was necessary for compliance and long-term plant costs caused by large users. Passed 5-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION:

Public Hearing - Mayor Holmes opened hearing Zoning-Energy public on Production Conditional Use Permit at 7:14PM. Scott Pabst, applicant, stated that he had hired Wolf River Electric out of Isanti (Bloomington) for the proposed solar array project. Xcel Energy is required to buy back excess power (at discounted rate) that is produced and not used onsite. Pabst stated that he would receive credits for months that he produces more power than uses and will be able to utilize credits on months he uses more power than he produces. Pabst stated that he would be paid \$0.07 per kilowatt hour. Ohr asked Pabst what he was told would be the lifetime of the panels. Pabst stated that he was told 15 to 20-year lifetime of use on the panels. Ohr stated that solar panels decrease significantly on power produced each year and that savings would also be reduced. Boulton stated that the feedback that he received was that neighbors were neutral on the panels since the proposal was to be placed on the east side of the roof facing New Life Church. Holmes stated he had no concerns since the panels were on the back side of the home and limited site. No Further Public Comments Offered. Mayor Holmes closed the public hearing at 7·21PM

21-041 = Approving Zoning-Energy Production Conditional Use Permit for Scott Pabst at 567 Hill Avenue: Flotterud moved to approve, seconded by Dierks. The Council agreed with the staff recommendations:

The following standards apply:

That if the Solar Array is damaged beyond repair or the system becomes obsolete it will be the responsibility of the property owner to remove the system and properly dispose of the solar array system.

This conditional use permit is in effect for the property on 567 Hill Avenue and assigned to the current and/or any future owner of the property. The conditional use permit may be revoked by the City following written notice to the property owner if the conditions of the permit as listed herein are not met and/or maintained. The conditional use permit will expire if/when the use of the property is changed.

The conditional use permit shall be recorded at the Goodhue County Recorder's Office.

Passed 5-0-0.

Public Hearing – Mayor Holmes opened public hearing on variance request to Wanamingo Code of Ordinances 152.36 Minimum Bldg. Setback Side Line Property and Back Line Property in C-2 HWY Commercial District at 7:22PM. Administrator Boulton informed the Council that Mark and Ruth Revland are planning an expansion for Fall 2021. The proposed expansion will be roughly 35' x 60'. Boulton stated that the Council would be considering a variance request for Minimum Bldg. Setback Side Line Property (4.6 feet) and

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Back Line Property (5.6 feet) because the proposed site plan was closer than the 20foot side line and back line requirements in the C-2 HWY Commercial District. Mark Revland explained that the building would include an 8-foot overhang in the back line for tire storage. Revland stated that the current hoop building would be removed as part of the proposed building expansion. Revland's architect, Nate Sommers, stated that a firewall would be required on the north side of the building due to the distance from the property line. Ron Quamme questioned the proposed building addition distance from his property. Boulton stated that the proposed building would be roughly a foot further away from Quamme's property than the hoop building portion of the lot. Boulton stated that the proposed building addition would be closer where the back portion of Revland's lot connects with the main portion of the lot at an angle. Ouamme questioned the location of the property lines. Boulton stated that Rapp Surveying had located property pins and verified that their locations were accurate. Quamme shared his confusion regarding the property lines in relation to the proposed building addition. Boulton stated that he would provide Quamme with the original proposed site plan from the lot combination that the Council approved in April. Quamme agreed to consult Administrator Boulton later for the lot combination information. No Further Public Comments Offered. Mayor Holmes closed the public hearing at 7:37PM.

21-042 = Approving Variance Request to Wanamingo Code of Ordinances 152.36 Minimum Bldg. Setback Side Line Property and Back Line Property in C-2 HWY Commercial District: Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by VanDeWalker. Passed 5-0-0.

21-043 = Adopting 2021 3rd Quarter Maintenance Work Plan: Ohr moved to approve, Seconded by Dierks. Kennedy stated that the plan had maintenance staff exercising water gate valves for one week in August. The City would be renting a gate valve exercising machine from Minnesota Rural water to start a maintenance program on gate valves. The City may need multiple years of renting the machine to exercise, conduct maintenance on all the valves, and inputting data into GIS data points. Passed 5-0-0.

21-044 = Setting Date for Budget Workshop City Council Meeting: Flotterud moved to approve, Seconded by VanDeWalker. Boulton stated the July 26th meeting would be at 6:00PM. Boulton stated that the 2022 proposed budgets were complete but that he had a few adjustments to make before providing to the Council. Boulton stated that the utility software updates had not allowed he and Karen to make any changes to the budget since late April. Passed 5-0-0.

21-045 = Declaring Wanamingo 4th of July Celebration a Community Event within the City of Wanamingo: Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Boulton stated that only events on City property, leased property, or in the right-ofway are considered part of the official celebration. Passed 5-0-0.

21-046 = Accepting 2021 4th of July Fireworks Monetary and In-Kind Donations: VanDeWalker moved to approve, Seconded by Dierks. Boulton expressed the City' appreciation to the Fire Relief Association and Commercial Club for the financial donations and Jeff Benson and Fire Department for the In-Kind donations. Boulton also stated that is a good practice for the Council to formally accept donations in a resolution format. Passed 5-0-0.

21-047 = Approving New Hires for the Wanamingo Fire Department: Flotterud moved to approve, Seconded by VanDeWalker. Holmes stated that he and Administrator Boulton were members of the committee that conducted interviews for the ten candidates. The candidates were chosen based off points assigned to interview questions. The recommended new hires are Adam Taylor, Riley Bauer, Calvin Steberg, Logan Quam, and Drew Lexvold. Passed 5-0-0.

Public Hearing – Mayor Holmes opened up the public hearing on proposed bike-multiuse trail extension plan within the Wanamingo Nature and Scenic-Wildlife District at 7:48PM. Boulton stated that the parks and recreational advisory board reviewed the request to have a bike trail through the Wanamingo Nature Trail. The parks and recreational advisory board recommended the following:

That the proposed cleared dirt trail location staying away from the dense south side of the Nature Center in order to least disruptions to wildlife and to stable healthy trees.

That the proposed cleared dirt trail should have a limited footprint through the rowed evergreen section of the Wanamingo Nature Center

That the proposed clear dirt trail will be approved in sections with the first section commencing from the east side of the pedestrian bridge to Mingo View Drive. Mr. Welch should seek approval on any additional sections based upon condition of existing trail so that the original section(s) of the trail are maintained

That current Hillcrest Avenue and potential brush pile area parking be designated, clearly signed, and specifically tagged within any official medium of advertising. There should be no official parking designated on the Mingo View Drive section of the trail.

Any current nature trail crossing by the proposed dirt trail will have warning signage installed.

Work on the proposed dirt trail will be conducted by volunteers with limited City staff assistance.

Carolyn Eckloff asked what kind of trail was being proposed. Boulton stated that a biking, hiking and snow shoe trail with no motorized vehicles was proposed. Welch stated that a meeting of Mingo View neighbors had taken place. There were concerns on large groups of people utilizing the trail and disturbing wildlife. Welch stated that no events would be planned because the proposed trail would not be long enough (maximum 1/2 mile). Welch stated that the proposed trail would be a dirt and not a permanent paved path. If the group ceased to exist, nature would take back over the bike path. Boulton stated that the committee recommended staying out of the southern portion of the nature area in order to not disturb wildlife. Boulton stated that the committee could pile any removed debris near the current trail so that City staff could

mulch it back onto the trail, if available. Holmes stated that there had been concerns with parking on the Mingo View side of the trail. Holmes stated that the committee addressed the concerns with clearly marked parking location. VanDeWalker stated that the proposal is a great opportunity for local kids. VanDeWalker thanked the committee for working through concerns that came up and addressing them in modified plan. Eckloff stated that the current nature trail is a great walking trail that does not have heavy traffic. Eckloff has concerns with bike traffic with high speeds. Eckloff likes the quiet nature trail. Eckloff volunteered to help maintain the current trail but would like the Council to vote against proposed trail. Flotterud stated that complaints on misuse of the proposed trail can be reviewed and if not able to remedy shut the trail down. Flotterud stated that he lives in this neighborhood and stated that bikers could utilize the current nature trail. He is excited for his children to be able to utilize the proposed trail. Hunt-Welch stated that the proposed trail is multi-use which are not very wide, three feet. The current nature trail is a minimum of six to eight feet wide. Flotterud stated that he had concerns when the proposal was first brought up and was against the project. With some sensible recommended changes Flotterud thinks the proposal is a great idea. Council should approve and hope it goes well. If not, the Council will try and police complaints and it if can't the trail will go away. VanDeWalker stated that having additional walking areas may make it easier for bird watcher to view wildlife. No Further Public Comments Offered. Mayor Holmes closed the public hearing at 8:10PM.

21-048 = Approving Proposed Bike-Multiuse Trail Extension Concept Plan Within the Wanamingo Nature and Scenic-Wildlife District: Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Passed 5-0-0.

21-049 = Approving the Combination of Tax Parcels: Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Administrator Boulton stated that the three tax parcels owned by Gerald and Brenda Fulton were requested to be joined in order to be in compliance without having accessory buildings on a residential parcel before a primary dwelling. Passed 5-0-0. **OLD BUSINESS:**

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Alicia Hunt-Welch requested that the City have the electrical company, Xcel Energy or Goodhue County Electric Cooperative, make repairs to 440th Street where one of them ran underground wires for an electrical service (12010 440th Street). Hunt-Welch stated that the road was rough and that the north ditch had been filled in with dirt. Boulton stated that he would make phone calls to get the correct utility to make the necessary repairs to the road and reestablish the north ditch on 440th Street.

*Next City Council meeting on 7/12/2021 at 7:00pm

*2022 City Council Budget Workshop meeting on 7/26/2021 at 6:00pm.

Adjourn: At 8:29PM a motion to adjourn was made by VanDeWalker and seconded by Flotterud. Passed 5-0-0.

Signed: Ryan Holmes, Mayor

Attest: Michael Boulton, City Administrator Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

The Tennessee Tilt



By Terry Campbell This column is written by Messenger editor and Minnesota native Terry Campbell. Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when its warm here and Tennessee when it's cold here.

I saw pickup trucks driving around like this and thought there must have been a mechanical failure. Then I found out it was actually a fad. It comes from giving a perfectly good four-wheel drive pickup to someone lacking in common sense. They call it the Tennessee Tilt and it has been seen in neighboring North Carolina where they call it the Carolina Squat. It is a terrible new trend for pickups from the millennial country kids. You take a perfectly good 4x4 truck and then you jack the <u>front up</u> so the headlights are in the trees and the back of your truck resembles a dog with an itchy butt, rubbing across the carpet.

I have spent my life driving pickup trucks. A man is not a real man unless he owns one. He uses it daily and he treats it with respect. You put every thing in the back including the kitchen sink and you want it to stay there.

No logical, intellectual being would slope the bed of the pickup box to self-unload everything you put in there. You put oversize springs on the rear axle so a heavy load doesn't have you dragging the hitch ball down the highway. You want clearance so you don't get hung up on a stump when you go off road.

But down here some hillbilly brain trust came up with a backwards way to make the most noble vehicle on the road look silly. I first thought that "Bubba" found a way to load his fishing skiff without a trailer. Just back that old truck down to the water and run the john boat up in the box. But it is mostly new pickups which were emasculated and sent down the highway looking like some punk at the mall with his pants hanging below his underwear.

It has become bad enough, that the state legislature passed a law to ban this practice, stating; "A private passenger automobile shall not be modified or altered by elevating the automobile more than 3 inches from the manufacturer's specified height in the front and lowering the automobile more than 2 inches from the manufacturer's specified height in the rear."

One of the great things about being an old farmer is that you are actually smarter than most kids, and ornery enough to tell them so.



A Minnesotan: Fireworks



By RosaLin Alcoser

2020 was the first Fourth of July that I spent in Minnesota in years and it was the first year that I had spent it at the lake in years. The years before when I was in school in Missouri and I spent most of those Fourth of July's in the city.

I have found that the biggest difference between being in the city vs being on the lake for the Fourth of July is the way we view the fireworks. Years where I have spent it at the lake. The large colorful bust of the fireworks can be leisurely viewed from the water,dock, or the deck. It's beautiful as the fireworks go off over the

water from afar.

While when the holiday is spent in the city the experience is different. The fireworks go off from all the different parks and people's yards; sometimes in the yard right next to your house. And the streets are packed with people in lawn chairs to watch the chaotic firework display going off around them.

Last year I personally did not get either of these experiences as I was the town reporter; which meant I was at the one Firework display going on in town. Once the Indepence Day softball game was over the firework display started and lasted for about half an hour. It was held at the fairgrounds and while some people lined the streets in town, most people watched from the back of their cars at the fairgrounds.

I spent it watching from the back of my hatchback at the fairgrounds... well, my Mom did. I viewed the whole thing through my camera lens while I jotted down notes about the event.

This year though this year will be different as I now live in the cities and will not be covering local events. Instead I will have to be one of those people who views the chaotic display from their home or by going outside to view it from the street.

Post Covid Concert Attendance Up; Local Fans Excited, Rock Legends to Play Local Fair

By Ashley Campbell

Multi-platinum, Grammy nominated, hard rock band Great White headlines at the Olmsted Fair next week, on Wednesday, July 28 with Wisconsin native, Chris Kroeze as the opener.

Formed in LA in 1977 by lead guitarist Mark Kendall, the group has recorded fourteen albums and released twenty-seven singles. Great White's gritty, hon-



Photo by Eric Sherman

est-to-the-bone, blues infused rock was with many of us during our bulletproof years. Stadium Anthems like Rock Me, Save All Your Love, Face The Day and House of Broken Love were the soundtrack of our youth.

We're instantly transported back to our Glory Days when we hear the intro to Once Bitten, Twice Shy or the heavy hitting Mista Bone.

If the recent show last weekend at Diamond Jo's Casino in Northwoods, Iowa, was any indication, we're all enjoying it just as much as we did in our 20's, although the next day we felt the side effects more than we remembered.

And a whole new generation of Great White admirers seemed to be more than willing to party down with some of the most notorious rockers of the 80's. Some 40 years later, the band is still playing to sold out audiences in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa.

Changes? Yeah, they've had some. The band is ready for what lies ahead in 2021. With a respectful nod to the past, forging ahead with its tried-and-true mantra: these songs are bigger than any one member.

Mitch Malloy is the relatively new lead singer to the band, but not to rock and roll. Malloy brings heart pounding, pure rockstar sex appeal to the stage. He is engaging, energetic and not too hard on the eyes.

World acclaimed lead guitarist Mark Kendall honorably represents his songs and absolutely still shreds the band's hits for thousands of loyal followers all over the globe.

Kendall, a solid supporter of MusicCares, shares his journey of Recovery with anyone who is seeking a sober life. Joyfully married to his wife, Bridget, of 23 years, together they have 4 children and one grandchild. Bridget and Ashley Campbell, wife of Messenger Editor Terry Campbell are sisters.

If arousal and loyalty were the fodder of stage left, stage right featured the personality of rock supergroup royalty, Michael Lardie and muscle of bassist Scott Snyder.

Michael shared his quick wit and sweet sense of humor with the crowd and enjoyed a genuine connection to his audience. Lardie who plays an impressive number of instruments; piano, synth, guitar, banjo, flute, harmonica, mandolin, bass, sitar, percussion is an avid sports fan. He favors the Minnesota Vikings and the Twins.

Scott Snyder laid down the beat on bass guitar with relaxed commitment and versatility. Snyder's instincts and rock solid musicianship gave us all something to lean on.

When not touring and recording with Great White, Scottie owns Rock Me Tattoo and Piercing. His musical attention to detail was apparent and he was eagerly embraced by the crowd at Diamond Jo's.

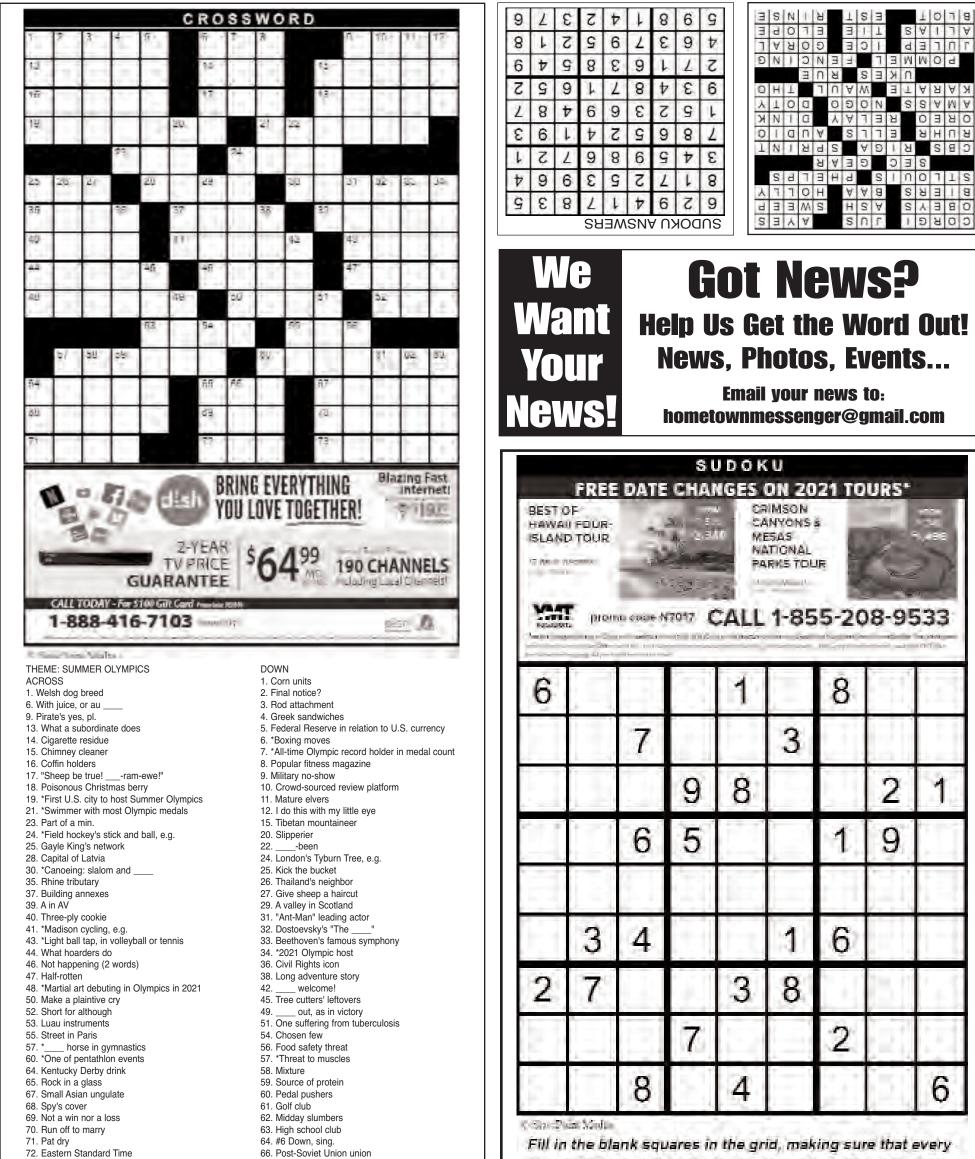
Drummer Audie Desbrow was the literal heartbeat. This is the hardest working guy in Rock n Roll in my opinion. When presented to the crowd during their final number, the crowd roared in true appreciation of his solid, sustained, thunderous attacks on some of our most beloved memories.

Chris Kroeze, pronounced (Cruise-E) who I happened to see opening for Lynyrd Skynyrd has some rock n roll chops of his own. Kroeze was the runner up on NBC's The VOICE, has a Top 5 Country Song called "Human" and has been featured in USA Today and Rolling Stone. He also claims the #1 iTunes Rock Song.

The show starts at 6 pm at Rochester, you are in for a treat! Hope to see you there. Tickets are \$25.00 online, \$30.00 day of show. Fans can find Great White on their official website, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Chris Kroeze is at https://www.chriskroezemusic.com July, 2021

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